



# Understanding Your Exam Results

## Orthotic Simulation Exam

If you received your test results for the Orthotic Simulation exam only to learn that you did not pass the exam, the following information may help you focus your study for retaking the exam.

Your test results notice indicates your score in each content domain along with the maximum possible score in each area. In the test score example below the candidate was weakest in the spinal scoliosis area, achieving only 60% of the possible points. The candidate performed strongest in the lower extremity area by obtaining a greater percentage of the available points.

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Content Domain	Maximum Possible	Your Score
Lower Extremity	72	62
Spinal	24	20
Scoliosis	24	14
Upper Extremity	24	19

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We recommend that you focus further test preparation on those content domains and corresponding practice areas where you performed the weakest. For example, if you performed the poorest in the scoliosis content domain, in the problems on the exam with a scoliosis patient, you likely lost points in the sections where you had to recommend the appropriate orthosis and complete the fitting/delivery of the orthosis. These sections are in the formulation and implementation of the treatment plan practice domains.

The simulation exams are designed to have you progress through different scenarios depicting real life patient situations. Each problem begins with a basic description of the type of patient you are seeing. You progress through sections of the exam in a chronological order, like you would in your own practice. Each problem begins with evaluating the patient by asking questions and obtaining additional information. This leads to the section where you must recommend a treatment plan for the patient. Once that is completed, the remaining sections are designed to complete the fitting of the recommended orthosis and then perform some form of follow-up to address concerns the patient is having at that time.

You should read through all of the choices in each section before making any selections. If you begin selecting choices before reading through all of the choices available, you might make the wrong choice. You may also need to page back to refer to the information you obtained earlier in the problem. Keep in mind that once you complete and exit a section you can go back and review it, but you are not allowed to change your selections.

You will need to select either Yes or No for every option available. If you select Yes for an option, additional information will be revealed. If you select No for an option, no information will be revealed. For some actions, selecting Yes will simply reveal "Done." This means that your decision to take that action has been recorded. It does not mean that you are finished with the section or problem.

Your primary exam preparation source for the written simulation is the clinical experience gained in your residency. When you were performing an initial evaluation of a patient and participated in formulating a treatment plan based on the information obtained in the evaluation you were preparing for the simulation exam. Your experience fitting orthoses and providing follow up to address the patient's concerns also prepared you to successfully complete the exam. Rely on your experience to lead you through the exam problems.